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SUBJECT: LOCALE FOR PHASE II OF SALT AND USE OF USDEL  
SALT OFFICE BUILDING, HELSINKI, FOR CSCE

REF: STATE 141966

1. SUMMARY. RECOMMENDATION THAT GOF BE INFORMED AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE OF CHANGE IN LOCALE FOR PHASE II OF  
SALT AND, WITH POSSIBILITY OF PREPARATORY PHASE OF  
CSCE TALKING PLACE AT HELSINKI AT END OF NOVEMBER 1972,  
RECOMMENDATION THAT THE USDEL SALT OFFICE BUILDING BE  
RETAINED UNDER US GOVERNMENT LEASE AT LEAST UNTIL  
PREPARATORY PHASE OF CSCE CONCLUDED AND THAT CERTAIN  
ITEMS OF FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT  
BE RETAINED FOR USE OF USDEL.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO NOTIFY  
GOF OF CHANGE IN LOCALE OF SALT TALKS TO GENEVA AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE. IT WILL BE MOST UNFORTUNATE IF FINNS  
LEARN OF DEVELOPMENTS FROM THIRD-COUNTRY SOURCES.

3. DUE TO CROWDED CONDITIONS AT EMBASSY AND NEED FOR  
SUITABLE OFFICE SPACE FOR PREPARATORY PHASE OF CSCE  
WHEN HELD AT HELSINKI IT IS RECOMMENDED, WITHOUT  
QUALIFICATION, THAT THE LEASE ON THE USDEL SALT BUILDING  
BE SIGNED IMMEDIATELY. IN THIS RESPECT IT WOULD BE  
HOPED THAT CURRENT LEASE, STILL WITH KOP BANK AND VALID  
TO AUGUST 31, 1972, PROVIDES FOR RESTORATION OF PROPERTY  
TO ORIGINAL CONDITION AS WHEN RECEIVED. NEW LEASE  
(DRAFT NOW IN DEPARTMENT WITH FBO AND ACDA FOR APPROVAL)

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ELIMINATES THIS REQUIREMENT. SHOULD RESTORATION BE REQUIRED COSTS, WHILE UNKNOWN, ARE EXPECTED TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT (APPROXIMATELY \$23,500) OF RENT FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER WHEN OFFICE SPACE WILL BE NEEDED. SINCE IT OUR OPINION ACDA UNABLE EVACUATE BUILDING BEFORE END OF SEPTEMBER 1972, COST TO OIC TO RETAIN BUILDING UNTIL REQUIRED FOR CSCE WOULD ONLY BE HALF THIS AMOUNT.

4. THE CROWDED OFFICE CONDITIONS OF THE EMBASSY PRECLUDE THE ACCOMMODATION OF THE USDEL CSCE IN THE CHANCERY AND THE EMBASSY WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE MOVING ELEMENTS FROM BUILDING 9 TO THE DISRUPTIVE EFFECT ON COMMERCIAL AND CONSULAR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC. ALSO, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE DURING SALT I, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE COST OF RENTING AND EQUIPPING COMMERCIAL OFFICES OR HOTEL ROOMS FOR OFFICE USE WOULD BE EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE. FURTHERMORE THE ABSOLUTE PHYSICAL SECURITY AND SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE USDEL SALT OFFICE BUILDING, AS WELL AS ITS CONVENIENT LOCATION NEAR DIPLOLI, MAKE ITS RETENTION THE BEST POSSIBLE OPTION.

5. SHOULD THE USDEL SALT OFFICE BUILDING BE RETAINED, AS RECOMMENDED HEREIN, CERTAIN ITEMS OF FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT SUCH AS DESKS, CHAIRS, SAFES, SOFAS, LAMPS AND SUPPLIES SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AND RETAINED. MOST OF THESE ITEMS WERE PURCHASED LOCALLY, AND COST OF SHIPPING TO GENEVA WOULD PROBABLY EXCEED COST OF REPLACEMENT IN GENEVA.

6. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. PERMISSION TO INFORM GOF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF CHANGE IN LOCALE FOR PHASE II SALT.

B. AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN NEW LEASE WITH GOF FOR USDEL SALT OFFICE BUILDING.

C. PERMISSION TO RETAIN CERTAIN ITEMS OF FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR USDEL CSCE.

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